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# THE POWER OF ONE ... PLUS

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, Γ/BUTLER, EDITOR

MANY YEARS AFTER KAPPA ALPHA THETA WAS BORN, BETTIE LOCKE HAMILTON WROTE THAT SHE AND THE OTHER FOUNDERS "... REALIZED SOMEHOW THAT WE WEREN'T GOING TO COLLEGE JUST FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR ALL THE GIRLS WHO WOULD FOLLOW AFTER US."

This theme of not-for-ourselves-alone but of working together to achieve something for the good of all echoes throughout Theta history. After all, "the widest influence for good" is one of the three aims espoused in the Fraternity's purpose. *Widest influence for good* is most commonly interpreted as a commitment to service, but your editor believes it also has relevance to leadership.

As the opening quote of this column illustrates, in founding Kappa Alpha Theta, Bettie, Alice, Bettie, and Hannah were leading the way for women's fraternal groups and for women in higher education. And over the next 146 years, our Fraternity has continued to be a leading women's group; our ideas and programs have often been on the cutting edge. Certainly many of our members have been notable in their chosen fields of endeavor, and individual Thetas are known for leading in our communities and on our campuses. But we realize that leadership is a relational, inclusive process and that effective leaders inspire and motivate others to accomplish something together that otherwise could not be done.

It's the power of one ... plus.

In fact, don't leadership and service often go hand-in-hand? Opportunities to serve--whether at the campus, community, national, or international level--are defined and discovered when an individual or a group identifies a need and is inspired to address it.

This issue of the Theta magazine offers numerous stories of both leadership and service. Let's start with our cover-Theta, Julie Stimpson Lewis, Alpha Lambda/Washington. To counter the diagnosis of a life-threatening disease with grace, dignity, and even humor is admirable; to celebrate surviving that disease with an ambitious plan to help others is truly remarkable. And Lewis's 30/30 Project takes the idea of helping others one step further. What began as an effort to construct one healthcare facility that would endure for at least 30 years in an area of the greatest medical need has grown into a campaign to build 30 such clinics worldwide.

Says Lewis, "We've been born into a very privileged country. I feel like with privilege comes a ton of responsibility. It's just good to give something back. But I don't see that as a burden. You get as much out of it as you're giving. Maybe even more."

The subject of our In Her Own Words feature saw a need, developed a service to fill it, and was recently honored as one of 100 millennials who are "redefining the world as we know it." Carly Zakin, Beta Eta/Pennsylvania, and her business partner created theSkimm, a newsy email that lands in inboxes around 6 am each weekday, right when people are waking up and ... reaching for their phones. "We were realizing all of our friends were really intelligent but they had basic questions about current events. They knew the ins and outs of their industries and their interests, but had questions beyond that." Chock-full of current events, both international and domestic; pop-culture news; and, of course, the stuff that's going viral on the Internet, theSkimm answers those questions for millions of subscribers.

I invoked Theta's founders at the start of this column, and you can find them elsewhere in this issue as well. You can read the Founders Day and Friendship Fund Message from Fraternity President Laura Ware Doerre, Delta Xi/North Carolina, on page 5. And while Bettie Locke Hamilton may enjoy more name recognition than her three co-founders, they were notable women in her own right. So as the kick-off to the Fraternity's sesquicentennial in 2020, each of the next four years will be dedicated to one of our founders. Beginning on Founders Day 2016 (January 27), we will honor Bettie Tipton Lindsey and her commitment to service. You can learn more about the 150 Days of Celebrating Service on pages 22 and 23.

Of course, that's not all. This issue comprises more feature articles, plus our regular departments, and we hope, dear reader, that you enjoy them all. ♦

ON THE COVER: Photo of Julie Stimpson Lewis, AA/Washington, by Jason Koenig, Studio JKOE.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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## FOLLOW THETA!

Kappa Alpha Theta believes in the power of social media to connect members to one another. From [kappaalphatheta.org](http://kappaalphatheta.org), you can access Theta on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Special campaigns you may want to follow include mental health awareness (#MentalHealthMonday), volunteer recognition (#ThetaHighFives), chapter anniversaries (#ThetaLove), and throw-back Thursdays (#TBT). A fascinating Pinterest board is devoted to Theta badges ([pinterest.com/kappaalphatheta/kappa-alpha-theta-badges](http://pinterest.com/kappaalphatheta/kappa-alpha-theta-badges)).

2014 saw a 27 percent increase in Theta's social media presence over 2013, with our Instagram account growing by an astonishing 63 percent!

## THE SORORITY LIFE

If you know a young woman participating in deferred recruitment this winter, you may want to direct her to NPC's online resource for potential new members. [thesororitylife.com](http://thesororitylife.com) offers a wealth of information about recruitment and the Greek experience in general.

## REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at [kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/whatsnew/events/reunions](http://kappaalphatheta.org/alumnae/whatsnew/events/reunions).

The **ETA THETA CHAPTER** at **CENTRAL FLORIDA** will be turning 15 this autumn! An anniversary celebration will take place at the Eta Theta Chapter facility and surrounding Central Florida locations the weekend of November 20-22, 2015. Additional details, including registration and schedules of events, can be found at [centralflorida.kappaalphatheta.org/page/etatheta15yearanniversary](http://centralflorida.kappaalphatheta.org/page/etatheta15yearanniversary)

## FIVE THETAS HONORED

Congratulations to five Thetas who were awarded 2015 LG Balfour Fellowships!

**MARY MYLES, BA/ARIZONA**  
**KATHARINE FREEMAN, ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M**  
**AMANDA WALTOS, ΗΩ/SAINT LOUIS**  
**EMMA MALLOY, ΔΘ/FLORIDA**  
**CHELSEA WICKENHEISER, Π/ALBION**

The fellowships were established in 1985 to provide financial assistance to full-time students enrolled in accredited graduate or professional schools. Selection is based on excellence in many areas including fraternity and interfraternity service, campus and community involvement, enhancement of fraternity ideals, and scholastic achievement. The minimum GPA requirement to apply is 3.8.

Fellowships are open to initiated members of member-groups of National Panhellenic Conference (NPC), North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), and Professional Fraternity Association (PFA).

## WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

## WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.) Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

## REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at [kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions](http://kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions).

## PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine* and on the Theta website. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email [webmaster@kappaalpha-theta.org](mailto:webmaster@kappaalpha-theta.org).

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

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# 2016 Founders Day & Friendship Fund Message



On January 27 each year, we celebrate Kappa Alpha Theta and what she has brought us: the opportunities for leadership and spreading the widest influence for good, the encouragement in our intellectual endeavors, and the love and support of sisters. We also celebrate our four founders for their vision and hard work in creating our Fraternity.

By designating January 27 as "Founders Day," we recognize Bettie, Alice, Hannah, and Bettie together, as a group. In fact, almost 150 years after these young women first walked into the chapel at Asbury College wearing their kite-shaped badges, it can be hard to think of them as individuals.

Yet individuals they were, each with her own character, abilities, and interests. Because their lives shaped Theta's past and were the inspiration for the values that continue to shape Theta's future, we have dedicated each of the next four years to one of our founders. In 2016, we honor Elizabeth Tipton Lindsey.

Bettie Tipton was known for her scholarship; she was so well-prepared for college that she entered Asbury as a sophomore. Bettie demonstrated leadership; she was not only a founder of the first Greek-letter fraternity for women, but she was also a founder of the Philomathean literary society at Asbury. Bettie was a good friend, known for her humor and cheerfulness. Most of all, Bettie was kind and generous, spreading the widest influence for good in each of the communities in which she lived. She was especially concerned with caring for neglected and disadvantaged children.

Today, Bettie's commitment to service is manifested by Theta's ongoing relationship with CASA and our support of Theta Foundation. It is reflected in one of the three aspirations that form the basis of Theta's strategic plan. And—most relevant to Founders Day—it is exemplified by our Friendship Fund, which provides monetary comfort and support to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship.

This Founders Day, we honor Bettie Tipton Lindsey and her legacy of service. Let us follow her example and remember that each of us has the opportunity to impact lives and create a more kind and generous world.

Loyally,

*Laura W Doerre*

Laura Ware Doerre, ΔΕ/North Carolina  
Fraternity President

## THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

### Gifts To

The Friendship Fund provides gifts to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to serious or terminal illness, job loss, natural disaster, and other devastating occurrences. During times of need, the care, love and support demonstrated by Friendship Fund gifts has made all the difference to hundreds of Thetas. Tradition calls for Friendship Fund contributions to be made on Founders Day, and the suggested donation is \$1 for every year of membership. Checks made out to Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity with "Friendship Fund" written on the memo line may be mailed to:

Kappa Alpha Theta  
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attn.: Friendship Fund

\* Donations to the Fraternity are not tax-deductible.

### Gifts From

One very important aspect of the Fund is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts. Two members write to the Fraternity on the behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential. For more information about requesting help from the Friendship Fund for a Theta sister, please contact Angela Merk; (amerk@kappaalphatheta.org; 888-526-1870, ext. 140).



Want more?  
See pages 22 and 23.



# There's Still Time to Join Us

To invest in the next generation of Leading Women

\$5 MILLION  
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MILLION

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MILLION

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During this final year of fundraising for the *Give to Lead, Give to Learn* Campaign, Theta Foundation is thrilled to share that \$4.5 million has been secured, including every dollar of the \$1 million required to endow the need-based scholarship program. With your assistance, we can reach our \$5 million goal and secure the remaining \$500,000 needed to endow Theta Foundation's support of the Educational Leadership Consultant program—a program Fraternity leaders describe as essential to the stability of existing college chapters, the growth of new college chapters, and preserving the shared Theta experience of more than 250,000 members.

## Your Gift Matters

To reach our goal and to ensure our sisterhood remains forever at the forefront of leadership and learning, we need your support. That's why, during this most critical time for Theta, we are asking every alumna to invest in the future of our Fraternity and the next generation of leading women. To make your gift today, visit [www.GivetoTheta.org](http://www.GivetoTheta.org) or call 1.800.KAO.1870 to speak with a Foundation gift officer.

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# Welcome Home

## BΓ/COLORADO STATE

BY ABBY MERRITT BAKER, FHC PROPERTY MANAGER/MARKETING COORDINATOR

One year after the 2014 re-establishment of the Beta Gamma Chapter at Colorado State, college members moved into a gorgeous, newly renovated house at 708 City Park Avenue. FHC Interior Design Coordinator **Karen Ledbetter**, Gamma Tau/Tulsa, and interior designer **Kim Linin**, Delta Eta/Kansas State, worked hard to design a stunning space, weaving shades of gray, cream, and gold throughout their design. Pops of pinks and orange decorate the home's lower level study room and what some fondly refer to as their "PJ room" on the third floor. Ledbetter, Linin, and a team of Theta staff traveled to Fort Collins in June to install all of the furniture and decorations. The chapter loves the space and is happy to call it home!

*"After a year of anxiously waiting for the renovation to be completed, our members were blown away by the finished product. The décor is absolutely stunning, and on move-in day members and parents commented on how lovely and welcoming the entire facility is. We are all so grateful to be able to call this our home and look forward to making many good memories here."* ♦

— Katie Cleary, BΓ/Colorado State,  
facility management director

  
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## COLLEGE CHAPTERS

- A** Seniors from **Beta Tau/Denison** got one last photo together before graduation.
- B** **Delta Delta/Whitman** raised \$13,000 for CASA. It was a record amount for the chapter.
- C** **Alpha Lambda/Washington** and the **Seattle Alumnae Chapter** collaborated on a fundraising event called Light the Bridge for Family Law CASA.
- D** **Lara Winkler, Evelyn Johnson, and Simona Kurta**, all **HN/Lake Forest**, posed for a photo during Bid Day 2015.
- E** **Mallory McCorkle, Lizzy Wynne, Emma Drongowski, Meghan Finke, Brittany Spicer, and Kelly Johnson**, all **Γ<sup>Δ</sup>/Ohio**

- Wesleyan**, got a photo with the university's mascot, the Battling Bishop.
- F** Members from **Zeta Nu/UC Davis, Phi/Pacific, Alpha Omicron/Oklahoma, and Alpha Epsilon/Brown**, all of whom work at LinkedIn, shared Theta stories at lunch together.
- G** **Shelby Ringdahl, ΓΨ/Texas Christian; Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State; Carrie Hammer, ΒΞ/UCLA; Justine Rosenberg, ΕΣ/UC Irvine; and Olivia White, O/USC**, celebrated Hammer's #RoleModelsNotRunwayModels show during New York Fashion Week.

## ALUMNAE

- H** Members from the **Westchester Alumnae Chapter** snagged VIP seats to the Meredith Vieira Show. Pictured are **Karen Hedlund Spiridellis, ΓΣ/San Diego State; Dru Heinzelmann Chapman, ΒΣ/Southern Methodist; Diana Steen Jaeger, ΔK/Louisiana State; Meredith Vieira; Patricia Messersmith Turken, ΕΘ/Stetson; Joan M. Cresap, ΕΠ/Bucknell; Suzanne Kloap Wahrhaftig, ΒΠ/Michigan State; and Derry Gould Martabano, X/Syracuse.**
- I** **Melanie Rosen Brown, Laura Klossner, and Nicole Mytyk**, all **ΕΘ/Stetson**, went scalloping on Florida's Gulf Coast.
- J** **California Thetas** celebrated Founders Day at the **Zeta Nu/UC Davis** facility. Pictured are **Nancy Whitcombe Roe, ΓΞ/San**

## THETAS OF NOTE



**Lea Swanson Elland, ΓΦ/Texas Tech**, was elected to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Board of Directors for a three-year term.



**Kyle O'Brien Stevens, ΒΣ/Southern Methodist**, was inducted into the Southwest Conference Hall of Fame within the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.



**Alex Yonkovich, ΒΔ/Arizona**, performed in Cirque Du Soleil's The Beatles LOVE show in Las Vegas.



**Julie Malloy Copeland, ΖΗ/Wofford**, was honored with the North Carolina Governor's Award for going above and beyond to engage in volunteer activities throughout the state of North Carolina.



**Morgan Tibbetts, ΓΡ/UC Santa Barbara**, earned third place in the Schwartz Family Endowed Award for Outstanding Entrepreneurial Business Plan. Morgan and her team created an app called SafeDriver, LLC that prevents texting while driving.





## ALUMNAE CHAPTERS

Jose State; Patricia Phillimeano, HM/Occidental; Patti Hunt Stathos, ΓΣ/San Diego State; Rhody Lamb Vallejo, BI/Colorado; Allison Volk Miller, Ψ/Wisconsin; Deanne Hansen Hudson, BM/Nevada; Lynn Garrett Read, ΓΥ/Miami; Suzanne Friery Owen, ΔΨ/UC Riverside; and Marcia Lloyd, ΓP/UC Santa Barbara.

**K** Collegian and alumnae Thetas in the Las Vegas area got together for a summer send-off for Theta seniors.

**L** Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State, and Meri McLaughlin Chesrown, HI/San Diego, were at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. The woman they asked to take their photo turned out to be a Theta herself: Leslie Rieke Meyers, T/

Northwestern. The three women are pictured here at the Museum's rooftop garden.

**M** Lauren Young, ΔΦ/Clemson; Rebecca Stout, ΔΦ/Clemson; Leslie Willey Hutson, ΔΦ/Clemson; and Danielle Stout, ΖΑ/Charleston, were photographed at a Charleston Lowcountry Alumnae Circle young alumnae event.

**N** Alumnae members of Alpha/DePauw celebrated their 50th college reunion in June at DePauw's campus. Pictured are (front) Jane Eklund Anderson, Ginny Dirks Krauss, Judy Samuel Meyer, (center) Mary Ewing Gosline, Joan Portle Abrahamsen, Kathy Hays Fox, (back) Judy Detrick Harris, Pat Boynton Frey, Penny Murvin Morse, and Beth Kovacs Gibson.

**O** Members of the Dallas Alumnae Chapter enjoyed a fall kickoff event.

**P** Thetas met for an alumnae brunch in Los Angeles at the Omicron/USC chapter facility in July.

**Q** Theta Foundation Secretary Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA; Fraternity President and Foundation Trustee Laura Ware Doerre, ΔE/North Carolina; and Foundation Trustee Vicki Laughlin McCluggage, O/USC, posed for a photo at an alumnae luncheon in Newport Beach, California.

### Not pictured

Eta Omicron/North Florida and the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter were honored as the CASA Community Advocate of the Year for the state of Florida.



**Rachel Iverson, ΓΔ/Georgia**, was named partner at McManamy McLeod Heller, LLC.



**Pamela King, BK/Drake**, was appointed by Minnesota's Governor to the bench as a district court judge, is a commissioner on the federal National Commission of Forensic Science, and is the board president of a battered women's shelter in Rochester.



**Lee Ippolito Jurewitz, BΩ/Colorado College**, was selected as a San Diego County Top Attorney.



**Michelle Cherutti-Kowal, ΓE/Western Ontario**, earned the title Master of Wine from the Institute of Masters of Wine.



**Elizabeth Shevlin, ΔΦ/Clemson**, traveled to Senegal on behalf of Circle of Sisterhood. There, she broke ground on a school and helped to spread education to the women and children of the area with members of other Greek organizations.





## ALUMNAE

- A** Kirstie Suflas Bray, BN/Florida State; Diane Schafer Mayse, P/Nebraska; Christie Scalera Ragsdale, BN/Florida State; and Laura Richardson, BT/Denison, met this summer at a District VII Alumnae Chapter leadership retreat in Palm Beach.
- B** Members of the Jacksonville Alumnae Chapter host a Beta Nu/Florida State & Friends luncheon at various restaurants.
- C** Members of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter celebrated Founders Day with women of Gamma Zeta/Connecticut.
- D** The Nashville Alumnae Chapter held a dinner at the home of Theta Foundation Trustee Vicki Laughlin McCluggage, O/USC,

honoring visiting Theta Foundation Trustee Lisa Davis Olney, ΔE/Arizona State. Pictured are Mary Bess Corbin, EE/Baylor; McCluggage; Olney; Suzanne Graf McLemore, ΔΠ/Tennessee; Kimberley Lawson Murphy, I/Cornell; and Amy Pryor Colton, BE/UCLA.

- E** Kathryn Wilkin and Kathleen Olen, both AΨ/Lawrence, reunited to compete in the Door County Half Iron Triathlon.

- F** Members of the Charleston Lowcountry Alumnae Circle, Bev Rogers Waggoner, ΓΠ/Iowa State; Mary Beth Wells Glotzbach, ΓΔ/Georgia; Lynn McCullough Russell, BO/Iowa; Rebecca Monroe Wick and Janey Janson, both ΓΔ/Ohio Wesleyan; Lorie Larson Land, AX/Purdue; Nancy Brown

Davidonis, BI/Colorado; Erin Corpening Haselkorn, ZΔ/Charleston; Sharon Tankersley Barnett, AO/Oklahoma; and Joan Guinn Reed, B/Indiana, met for lunch.

- G** Michelle Rice, EE/Baylor, and Christiane Hoffman, ZΩ/Loyola Marymount, crossed paths at the San Diego Alumnae Panhellenic Association's scholarship luncheon.

- H** Reno Alumnae Chapter members met for a fall kick-off. President Dori Mendiola, BM/Nevada, said the group is excited to support the Beta Mu/Nevada chapter.

- I** Former and current Theta staff members enjoyed dinner and the musical *Nice Work if You Can Get It* in Indianapolis. Pictured are Ansley Paulsen Jentz, ΓΔ/Georgia, Lauren Bowers, (who starred in the produc-

## THETA AUTHORS



Becky Wade, EE/Baylor, will donate a portion of her royalties from her novel *A Love Like Ours* to Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.



Karen Conde Adler, AM/Missouri, announced her 20<sup>th</sup> cookbook titled *BBQ Bistro: Simple, Sophisticated French Recipes for Your Grill*. Adler was recently named one of the 12 most important women in barbecue by *The Kansas City Star*.



Mary Wakefield Buxton, BB/Randolph-Macon, published her 12<sup>th</sup> book, *The Private War of William Styron*.



Deborah Kahn, H/Michigan, released her book titled *The Roads Taken: Complex Lives of Employed And At-Home Mothers*.



Windsor Hanger Western, ZΞ/-, co-founded and is president of Her Campus Media. She recently collaborated on the book *The Her Campus Guide to College Life: How to Manage Relationships, Stay Safe and Healthy, Handle Stress, and Have the Best Years of Your Life*.





## REUNIONS

tion), Angela Chamness Merk,  $\Gamma$ /Butler, Cindy Shaffer Thoennes, AX/Purdue, Lisa Gebken Thibault, EI/Westminster, Maureen Fahey Bowers,  $\Delta\Sigma$ /Ball State, Gretchen Brown, and Bonnie Batrich Brown,  $\Delta\Sigma$ /Ball State.

**J** Members from Beta Gamma/Colorado State got together for a meal in Greenwood Village, Colorado. Pictured are (front) Marleen Swanson, Marlan Henry Keeling, Maggie Wiegand, Janice Sheard Stroh, and Judy Loloff Tumlinson; (back) Mary Ela Zorn, Lorraine Stromquist, Margo Bolender Howe, Sharon Gibbs Thibodeau, Chris Leonard Polton, Melanie Springer Fairlamb, and Mimi Larson.

**K** Members from Rho/Nebraska got together

for a hike. Pictured are Betsy Petring Duryea, Susan Wrage Weismann, Jane Matzke Christoffersen, Teresa Duryea Rice, Jane Palmer Horlings, Sue Wirth Pawlowski, and Kim Knutson Sorensen.

**L** Members from BE/Oregon State reunited at the Beta Epsilon facility.

**M** Members from Beta/Indiana's 1978, 1979, and 1980 new member classes reunited on Indiana University's campus.

**N** Members of the 1983 new member class from Alpha/DePauw gathered in Hamilton, Indiana.

**O** Pat Tulisalo Daniel, Karen Bryant Henderson, Patty Bonner Kilgore, Lynne Weston Bottoms, Chrissie Wortman Fontaine, Kim Bonner Tardy, Libby

Holloman Morris, Sue Moore Abele, Kathy Broadrick Gillett, Ellen Ansley Wheaton, Amy Roman Stone, Ann Loewenthal Berger, Catherine Cromartie Norris, Susan Irby, and Charlotte Chandley English, all Gamma Delta/Georgia, celebrated their 50th birthdays in the Georgia Mountains.

**P** Eight Alpha Sigma/Washington State alumnae members reunited in Seattle.

**Q** Members from Beta Delta/Arizona's new member class of 1985 reunited in Phoenix.

**R** Members of the 1965 new member class of Alpha Mu/Missouri, Cindy Palmer Cheshier, Judy Smith Huff, Katie Welch Luck, Donna Pascoe Pohl, Pat Kelsey Schutte, Linda Johnson Clauson, and Sara Tweedie Losse, reunited in St. Louis.  $\diamond$



Alyssa DelPrete, N/Hanover, wrote a novel titled *White Roses* and it will be released this fall.



Judy Kerr Graven, BE/UCLA, traced the groundbreaking development of a unique student ambassador program in her book, *Project India: How College Students Won Friends for America*.



Jo Petry Hershberger, A/DePauw, released her new book *Windfall*, a story of two grown brothers who realize their dreams and create a new set of challenges for family members.

Stephanie Clifford, ZE/-, released her debut novel titled *Everybody Rise in August*. Stephanie is also a Loeb-award winning reporter at the *New York Times* and has written for *Inc. Magazine*.

Rowena Henson,  $\Gamma\Delta$ /Georgia, wrote a book to honor her rescue dog and faithful companion, Mackenzie. The coffee-table style book titled *Travels with Mac and Row*, is written from her dog's perspective and all profits from the book go directly to animal rescue.

Noanne Stubbs Gwynn, BN/Florida State, published her book *Mother's Day*, and it has received the Florida Authors and Publishers Association 2014 President's Award for Short Fiction.

Marissa Hershon, A $\Phi$ /Tulane, co-authored the publication *Silver: An American Art*, which presents informative narratives about American silversmiths who achieved acclaim.  $\diamond$



ONE OF THE GREATEST BENEFITS OF BEING A THETA IS DEVELOPING BONDS OF SISTERHOOD THAT TRANSCEND BARRIERS OF AGE, CULTURE, GEOGRAPHY, AND SKIN TONE. THE BLOG POSTS AND I AM A THETA STORIES AT KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG PRESENT A DIVERSITY OF VIEWPOINTS AND EXPERIENCES; RECENT TOPICS RANGE FROM SERVICE AND PHILANTHROPY TO SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS TO THE COLLEGIATE HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE ACT. THE THOUGHT-PROVOKING POST BELOW IS A POWERFUL EXPLORATION OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY.

## BUT YOU'RE SO WHITE

It always begins with a seemingly benign question. "Carole, you speak French?"

I slowly nod my head, already dreading the next question. "So you're French?"

I was hoping you'd just stop there. I respond hesitantly, "No, not exactly."

"What are you, then?"

Here we go. I am the proud daughter of a Haitian mother and a Lebanese father. To provide a bit of background: both countries were colonized by France. Hence, both of my parents speak French. Hence, I speak French. Alas, this ostensibly simple explanation is typically interrupted because people stop listening after the very first sentence.

"Did you just say that you're half black?"

Why the surprise? Take a look at my photo and see for yourself. Yup, I know, I sure don't fit the bill.

Let me rewind a little bit. I'll begin by saying that I never questioned my race until circumstances forced me to. I'm serious. The fact that my family consisted of a range of sun-kissed olive-toned skin to beautiful ebony was just a part of growing up. Sure, there were hints here and there that, retrospectively, I probably should have picked up on. But I didn't wake up and smell the roses until high school, where we were bombarded with a series of standardized tests, including APs, SATs, and SAT IIs. The most difficult question for me on all of these exams was always the same: "What is your race? Please check one of the following."

All right, think, Carole. This isn't supposed to be hard. OK, am I white? Well, I guess my skin color is pretty light.... But white is supposed to be Italian or Irish or something. I'm definitely not that. OK, how about black? Well, my mom is a blend of black and brown that goes back centuries in Haiti. And my dad, he's Middle Eastern. Gah, where the heck is the Middle Eastern box? Oh wait, are Middle Easterners considered white? That's a joke, given the amount of "random checks" we always go through at the airport. WHAT DO I PUT? Never mind, I'll just put "Other" and move on.

You see, here's the thing about being biracial: there is no manual informing you how you should identify, especially if your appearance doesn't conform to people's expectations. Thus, your very identity is wedged between two worlds that don't quite intersect, and you can't really fully fit into either. As a result, in the past few years, I have begun to experience the world as a light-skinned Haitian-Lebanese-American.

And I'll openly admit it: a lot of the time, it's pretty disheartening, and sometimes, it's just plain awkward.

At my predominantly white high school and university, I've had the opportunity to interact with people who have reacted to my ethnicity in what you could call notable ways. Recently, I decided to compile a list of these raw, unfiltered reactions. To illustrate just how absurd some of these reactions can get, here are some highlights. (NB: These are all direct quotes from people of a number of races.)

"That's hilarious. Oh my God. That's just so funny,

because, like, you're so white." Knee-slapper, right? I'm so glad I could provide a good laugh.

"You're getting into any college you want. You're so lucky you can act as a diversity admit." Aw, gee, thanks! I've always wanted to be an actress!

"You're like a spy! I've got to watch what I say in front of you." Sweet. My skin color allows me to covertly police racist comments.

"Ohhh.... That explains why you care so much about what happened in Ferguson and Baltimore and stuff." I literally don't even know how to begin responding....

Even if I am the first biracial person you've seen whose skin color is surprising, I know I won't be the last. Interracial marriages are occurring more frequently today than ever before—so, quite naturally, interracial children of all hues are beginning to break through the surface.

Take Rashida Jones, daughter of Peggy Lipton and Quincy Jones. The first time I saw Rashida on TV was when she played Ann Perkins on *Parks and Recreation*. Throughout the series, I found it intriguing that her co-stars consistently addressed her as an "ambiguous ethnic blend." So I did a quick Google search to see what they were talking about and right in front of me was another multiracial woman "passing for white." As I scoured the Internet to learn more, I stumbled upon a quote she gave back in 2005: "If you're obviously black, white people watch their tongues, but with me they think they can say anything. When people don't know 'what' you are, you get your heart broken daily." (*Glamour Magazine*, 2005)

It's now 2015 and to be quite honest, little has changed. I have seen time and again how my skin color provides some with the superficial cocoon of safety for their racial prejudices and insensitivity. My skin color shouldn't prompt others to view me as an ally in their racism. The fact that it still does is added proof that we are far from racial equality.

I am not here to say that every person who is a member of the majority is explicitly and/or implicitly racist. That is counterproductive and untrue. However, I will say that as the majority becomes smaller in numbers and dominance, the way we as a society operate will have to change. This means two things: 1. Systemic relegation of people into stereotyped and racism-infused groups is unsustainable; and 2. The parameters we as a society currently use to constitute "mixed" will soon have to be kicked to the curb.

Someday, proclaiming to people that their skin color isn't X or Y enough for them to stand up for, or even be a member of, their heritage will be considered vain, not valid. Until that day comes, I leave you with this. If your perception of someone you previously believed to be one race has been negatively affected by the fact that she's not, think about why that matters to you.

Because it's plain and simple: it shouldn't matter. I can't expect everyone to correctly identify my race upon first glance, but I can absolutely demand that they respect it.

Carole Touma, is a member of the Epsilon Mu Chapter at Princeton. ◇

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Carole Touma, EM/Princeton

"Your very identity is wedged between two worlds that don't quite intersect."



# LEADING WOMEN

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THETA?

BY CARRYL WISCHMEYER KROHNE, N/HANOVER

In a few short months, it will be time to begin the nomination process for the Grand Council that will be elected at Grand Convention 2016. As stated in the Kappa Alpha Theta Constitution, the first purpose of Grand Convention is to "... elect the members of Grand Council."

Grand Council is the governing body of the Fraternity between Conventions. The elected members of Grand Council are the Fraternity president and six Fraternity vice presidents. The Foundation president also serves on Grand Council ex officio. These women will lead our Fraternity for the following biennium.

Specifically, Grand Council members are volunteers who are responsible for strategic planning as well as providing oversight for all programs, policies, and operations of the Fraternity. In addition, Grand Council approves the Fraternity's annual budget and allocates funds for programs and services. Council members execute their duties by working closely with Headquarters staff and through numerous officers.

If you are a college-graduate Theta alumna with board-level experience and/or skills, please consider making yourself available as a candidate for nomination to Grand Council. If you have time and talents to contribute, you would find it an honor and privilege to work in a unique governance setting with other extraordinary Theta women who have committed

themselves to influence the future course of the Fraternity. Alternately, if you know of another Theta who you believe could be an asset to our governing board, you will have the opportunity (with her permission!) to nominate her. Finally, you can also be part of the selection process by submitting references for other Thetas who are candidates for Council service.

More information about the Council nominating and election process will be available in the Winter 2016 issue of the Theta magazine and—beginning in late January—at grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org. Please also feel free to email me, the chairman of the nominating committee, with any questions or concerns: [ncchair@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:ncchair@kappaalphatheta.org). Thank you for doing your part to be both informed and involved! ♦



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At Grand Convention 2016,  
nearly 900 leading women will gather in Phoenix  
to celebrate Theta sisterhood and recognize the  
tremendous potential within each of us for  
social, intellectual, and moral growth.

Each Grand Convention determines the direction  
of our Fraternity for the next biennium.

So at Grand Convention 2016,  
we will also begin to write the next chapter  
in the story of Kappa Alpha Theta.



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Make plans to join us in Phoenix, Arizona · June 23 – 26, 2016

## WHERE AND WHEN IS GRAND CONVENTION?

Grand Convention 2016 will be held at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, from Thursday, June 23, to Sunday, June 26.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND CONVENTION?

Every member who is interested in an unparalleled Theta experience! "Convention is the coming together of leading women in every sphere of influence across the globe. You get to learn and grow from their wisdom and experiences," said JoAnna Adkisson, Eta Phi/Belmont.

## COLLEGE CHAPTER DELEGATE

There is one college chapter delegate per chapter. Each chapter chief executive officer must attend as the voting chapter delegate unless permission is received from the relevant college district director. If a CEO cannot attend Convention, her chapter shall nominate and elect another executive committee officer to serve as the chapter's delegate. Online registration for delegates will open on February 15 and will close on March 30.

## ALUMNAE CHAPTER DELEGATE

Each alumnae chapter is encouraged to send one voting delegate to Grand Convention. All alumnae voting delegates must be registered as the alumnae delegate by March 30, 2016, in order to be seated and have a vote at Convention business sessions.

## NON-DELEGATES

College and alumnae members not serving as Convention delegates may register at an early-bird rate between April 1 and April 30. Space permitting, registration will continue until May 15 at an increased rate.

## WILL THERE BE ANY TIME TO SIGHTSEE?

The Arizona Biltmore is offering a special pre- and post-Convention guest-room rate of \$129 per night. Because the Convention schedule is full, attendees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to add an extra day for relaxation and sightseeing.

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2016?

Thanks to feedback from attendees at Grand Convention 2014, we're offering even more opportunities for networking and leadership education!

Optional pre-Convention programming on Thursday, June 23.

Educational breakout sessions for non-delegates during the business sessions.

Open seating and no scheduled programming at two meals to facilitate informal idea-sharing.

Plus well-loved Theta traditions such as the chapter recognition dinner, Nikē, and the Convention banquet!

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit [grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org](http://grandconvention.kappaalphatheta.org) after December 10.



**"WHAT ARE SOME MILESTONES IN THE HISTORY OF THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA MAGAZINE?"**

The Theta magazine was first published in 1885. Below are some fun facts to celebrate this 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

By Noraleen Duvall Young, CA, AX/Purdue, Project Archivist

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as NPC's chairman.)

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**ASK THE ARCHIVIST**


Have you wondered about some aspect of Theta's history, either about the international organization or about a specific chapter? Have you read a brief mention of another Theta and would love to learn more about her? Have you wondered about how to save and share your own historical materials? Ask the Archivist is intended to answer questions about Theta's history, its members, and even the nuts and bolts of preserving that history. So ask away! Submit your questions by email to [archives@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:archives@kappaalphatheta.org).

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## DEFINITIONS OF LEADERSHIP

BY KATHARYN CLARK, A/DEPAUW

I wasn't exactly clear what I was signing up for when I applied to attend Kappa Alpha Theta's 2015 Emerging Leaders Institute. To be honest, I wasn't quite sure what an emerging leader was, let alone if I fit the bill. Even after I was accepted, enrolled, and driving to DePauw University, the host of the 2015 institute, I was skeptical of what the weekend would have in store.

Nevertheless, I was thrilled to pull up to the Alpha Chapter facility, my home eight months a year. It was strange to walk in and see a bunch of giggling college women I didn't recognize popping in and out of rooms, introducing themselves to one another and—quite frankly—having a ball. I remember wondering what I could possibly have in common with all of these women ranging in age and experience and from across North America.

At the first general session of the weekend, we were immersed right away in the subject matter: we were all asked to define leadership. Having taken a few minutes to contemplate the question, I wrote, "Leadership is the ability to inspire and motivate others to accomplish something that is greater than themselves. Although there are different types of leaders, they are all passionate, using their own strengths, as well as seeing and drawing out strengths in others, to create an effective environment for change." I can't speak for everyone else in the room, but for me, that seemingly simple question proved incredibly hard to answer.

Thanks to the time and dedication of some wonderfully bright and talented women, the definition of leadership became much more apparent throughout the course of the weekend. My fellow participants and I were challenged to approach leadership as a relational and inclusive process. Broken into small groups, we worked through guided conversations about leadership both in our respective chapters and lives, solved problems through team-building activities, and shared experiences, ideas, and solutions with one another.

One particular activity stuck with me, and I think it impacted my perception of leadership the most.

Before arriving at the institute, each participant had completed the Clifton StrengthsFinder test. This test is designed, through a series of questions, to determine one's top five strengths. I, for example, discovered my natural strengths were communication, competition, arranging, winning over others, and vision for the future. Split into a small group of about ten, we were asked to write each of our strengths on a sticky note and categorize them into thematic areas of skill with the other members of our group. My group overlapped several times, but much more often found we had different strengths. In a larger group, we used an activity to highlight the different kinds of leaders there are and explore how some tasks may require a different kind of leader or combination of leaders.

This activity and so many more were followed by meaningful large- and small-group discussions that provided a platform for questions and open, free-flowing dialogue. The institute allowed me not only to gather a wealth of ideas for leadership in my own chapter, but also how to take initiative as a leader beyond Kappa Alpha Theta. Leadership is not a role to fill, but a process one chooses to participate in. The Emerging Leaders Institute helped me develop my own ideas about leadership, but—almost more importantly—opened my eyes to how others can be strong leaders through their strengths.

At the end of the weekend, we were once again asked to define leadership. My definition had changed slightly but significantly. It read, "Leadership is taking the initiative to inspire and motivate others to accomplish something together that otherwise could not be done. Although there are all different types of leaders, they are all passionate, using their own strengths, as well as seeing and drawing out strengths in others, to create a positive and inclusive environment for change through meaningful relationships." As leading women, it is our responsibility to strive for such leadership. It was a privilege to participate in the Emerging Leaders Institute and I cannot recommend it enough to Theta collegians. We are all emerging leaders in our own ways, no matter if you're chief executive officer of your chapter or are thinking about sitting on a committee. Kappa Alpha Theta saw something in me, just as she's seen something in each of us. We are women from all different walks of life, but in ideals and love we are meant to lead together. ♦



I am strong  
I am driven  
I am brave  
I am passionate  
I am confident  
I am a Leading Woman

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Top: A variety of activities helped ELI participants learn about teambuilding and inclusive leadership; above: posing in front of the Alpha Chapter house.



Kit Clark, A/DePauw





**"I WAS AT MY BEST WHEN I WAS WITH THESE WOMEN."**

**"NEVER LIVED SO SIMPLY, WORKED SO DILIGENTLY,  
LOVED SO QUICKLY, AND BEEN SO HAPPY."**

**"IT'S SUCH A CLICHÉ TO SAY THIS TRIP WAS A LIFE-CHANGING  
EXPERIENCE, BUT IT TRULY WAS."**

Over the past three years, Theta collegians from chapters across the continent have participated in the Fraternity's week-long service immersion trips in New Orleans. During the day, they worked to build a house with Habitat for Humanity, served a local children's program, rehabbed a community center, and visited a local CASA program; at night, they participated in guided curriculum sessions on cultural and service immersion, individual and group strengths, and Theta values.

One week and countless service hours later, these women returned home with newfound appreciation for service and a better understanding of their roles as leading women.

# A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

## THE WIDEST INFLUENCE

In partnership with the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values (AFLV), the Fraternity will offer three 2016 service trips in New Orleans! Both collegians and alumnae will have the opportunity to learn more about the impact of service and how serving others can change and develop them as people.

Jan. 3 – 9: Open to undergraduates  
(third year/juniors and above)

Feb. 8 – 22: Open to all alumnae

July (specific dates to be determined):  
Open to all undergraduates

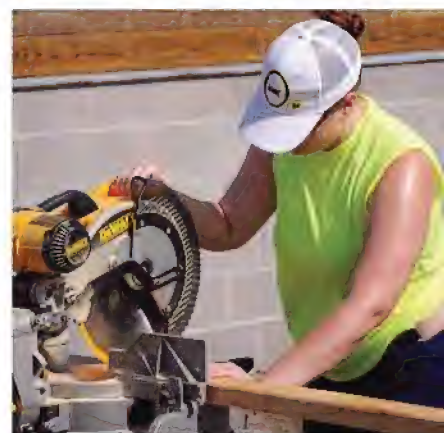
## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online registration is on a first come/first served basis. For the January student trip, it begins at noon Eastern on Thursday, November 12. For the February alumnae trip, it begins at noon Eastern on Tuesday, December 8. To register and for more information, search for "Service Trip" at [kappaalphatheta.org](http://kappaalphatheta.org).

Due to a generous grant from Theta Foundation, participants for the January undergraduate trip and February alumnae trip will need to pay only for the cost of travel to and from New Orleans. Registration fees will be covered by the Foundation grant. Please note that travel arrangements should not be made until after registration is confirmed.

## LEADING WOMEN

Through programs such as these service trips, Theta offers her members experiences that challenge and encourage them to embody our values and to develop as leading women.



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PICTURE LIFE AS IT WAS (OR WILL BE!), TEN YEARS AFTER GRADUATION AND YOUR THETA ADVENTURES AS A COLLEGIAN. FOR JULIE STIMPSON LEWIS, ALPHA LAMBDA/ WASHINGTON, THAT WAS 1990, AND SHE WAS RECEIVING A POSITIVE DIAGNOSIS FOR HIV. THE PROGNOSIS THEN MEANT SHE HAD ONLY A FEW YEARS TO LIVE, AND THERE WAS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY SHE HAD TRANSMITTED THE VIRUS TO NOT ONLY HER HUSBAND BUT ALSO HER THREE CHILDREN, AGES SIX, FOUR, AND TWO.

NOW PICTURE LAST YEAR. IN 2014, LEWIS CELEBRATED LIFE AS A 30-YEAR HIV SURVIVOR, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND, SCOTT, AND GROWN CHILDREN TERESA, LAURA, AND RYAN, ALL OF WHOM ARE HIV-FREE. AND TO MARK THE OCCASION, SHE DECIDED TO HELP CHANGE THE WORLD.

# CHANGING THE WORLD, ONE CLINIC AT A TIME

BY EILEEN HOOVER YOUNG, *Γ*/BUTLER

## LIFE-CHANGING NEWS

The 1984 delivery of the Lewises' first child, Teresa, was difficult, and the new mother was given blood. Six years later came a call from her original obstetrician saying the blood bank had just traced the transfusion to a donor with HIV.

"That was Wednesday, August 15," Lewis said. "In the old days, you had to have two tests, so I went in for this screening test. I had been sick that whole year with a lot of weird things, so I had this gut-level feeling this was going to come out positive the minute they suggested it."

The next day, she learned HIV was indicated and given a second test to confirm the diagnosis. She went through the anguish of having her husband and three very young children tested, too.

"My oldest daughter was born before my blood transfusion, but I breast-fed her, so she was at risk," Lewis said. "My other two kids were born to an HIV-positive mom. And of course, you don't make babies without having unprotected sex, so my husband was at risk."

The family had to wait until the following Monday before receiving results: a definite HIV diagnosis for the young mother, and clean bills of health for her loved ones.

"By then, learning that my kids were well and my husband wasn't infected, I was actually a little bit relieved. Obviously, it was something I knew was going to be life-changing. But I wasn't overwhelmed, because it could have been so much worse."

Lewis recalled that during the first few years after she was diagnosed, the only HIV drug available was AZT. The side effects were challenging. "I was really sick from the medication; it was difficult," she said. "But I had great friends who helped out. I have an awesome husband who is a very good dad. Like a lot of people with chronic illnesses, you just manage it. You don't really have a lot of choice."



Julie Stimpson Lewis,  
AA/Washington

PHOTO BY JASON KOENIG, STUDIO JKOE

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In the beginning, the couple kept the circle of people who knew about Lewis's specific diagnosis a tight one. "It was just a very intimate group of friends and family who even knew," she said. "To the rest of the world, I just faked that I was fine."

"My biggest concern was that my kids have as normal a life as possible for as long as they could. We felt they were too young for us to try to explain this to them, so we waited four years to do it. Once we told them ... well, when you tell a six-year-old something, it's not confidential anymore."

### THIRTY YEARS LATER

The six-year-old to whom she referred is son Ryan Lewis, who, in January of 2014, won four Grammy Awards as the producing half of musical duo Macklemore and Ryan Lewis. At the same time the Lewises were celebrating Ryan's recording success, they were even more thankful for Julie's anniversary of 30 years as an HIV survivor. The two milestones would come together in a wonderful way.

"My family wanted to do something to commemorate that I'd survived thirty years," she said. "But it felt weird to celebrate, since some of my good friends didn't survive thirty years. I really wanted to do something that was a pay-it-forward campaign of some kind, just because so many of my friends died along the way."

Instead of dwelling on her personal struggle, Lewis's mind turned to people in other parts of the world with HIV and also full-blown AIDS. She knew that the level of medical care provided to her was simply not available to so many who suffered from the virus in several other countries.

Three years previously, Lewis had begun volunteering at a nonprofit organization called Construction for Change. A project manager who had overseen the

building of a medical clinic in India made a presentation at a Microsoft event that Julie attended.

"I would get weekly updates on the projects, but it was so different hearing from someone who had been there in the field," she said. "This building had actually been built mostly by women. And these women weren't primarily motivated by the fair wage CfC had been paying them. They were motivated by the fact that some of their children were dying on the way to their hospital, which was hours and hours away."

"They had photos of these beautiful women in India dressed in their long saris, with tools in their hands and materials on their backs, building these buildings. And the visuals just made me realize I could commemorate my thirty years by helping CfC construct a medical clinic somewhere, and my family could help me raise the money to do it."

### WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HER FRIENDS

With help from family, friends, and Construction for Change, Lewis envisioned the 30/30 Project. Its initial goal was to fund the construction of one healthcare facility that would endure for at least thirty years in an area of the greatest medical need.

A fundraising effort to cover the cost of the first clinic was launched through Indiegogo.com and the project's own website, 3030project.org. Lewis, her husband, all three children, and Ryan's musical partner Macklemore (also known as Ben Haggerty) appear in video clips on the 30/30 website to help explain the project.

"My family definitely ran with it," Lewis said. "They were excited about the idea. They're all unique individuals, and they all like the project. They've been super supportive."

Honored to be the first contributor to the 30/30 Project was Julie's son Ryan, who, along with partner

Julie Lewis, AA/Washington, and Kelsey Birnbaum, Gamma Phi Beta, outside the completed Kizimani clinic in Kangundo, Kenya.





Macklemore, had just celebrated winning those four Grammys (for Best Rap Song, Best Rap Album, Best Rap Performance, and most prestigious of all, Best New Artist).

On the 30/30 Project website, Ryan describes his mother's life as an HIV survivor as, "...a huge part of what's made me who I am," and his mother as, "...the strongest woman that I know."

Julie Lewis is happy that her son, as well as his musical compatriots, were willing to use their talents and fame to help those in need. In the initial days of fundraising, incentives for donating included autographed T-shirts, autographed vinyl editions of the duo's Grammy-winning album, and a half-day musical mentoring session with Ryan.

"We would not have gotten on the national news media outlets that we did without them," Lewis said. "We're really appreciative that not only was Ryan behind us, but also his whole team and network."

She also credits her son with increasing the scope of the entire project. At first, the 30/30 name was to refer to Julie's 30 years of survival, and to attest that the quality of the future clinic would ensure its existence for at least 30 years. But a more ambitious concept had come to the young musician's mind.

"It was only later that Ryan came up with the idea that we should build thirty of these, which was a lot bigger project!" Lewis said. "In reality, we probably should be calling it the '30/30/30 Project.'"

### 30/30 PROJECT: HEALTHCARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT

The first 30/30 Project clinic was the Med25 Clinic in Mbita, Kenya, which opened in July 2014. The Mbita District was reported to have both the highest infant mortality rate and number of HIV/AIDS cases in Kenya, but the health professionals there treat all manner of problems, from tuberculosis and malaria to heart disease and prenatal care.

The next 30/30 clinics to be constructed were the Partners in Health Clinic in Nsambe, Malawi, and the

Kizimani Clinic in Kangundo, Kenya. In Nsambe, the building is the only public healthcare facility in the impoverished Neno District, and will serve a rural area that extends over the border into Mozambique. The area is so remote that the building plan incorporated living quarters for the medical staff, so emergency care could be available at all hours. The Kizimani Clinic is positioned to help a community of more than 100,000 in an area with dire poverty. It was completed this summer and opened on August 8.

Ground will be broken this year for the Bumwalukani Clinic in the Bududa District of Uganda. The cases of HIV/AIDS in this area are twice the national average, and the poverty level is high. The new building will add to a smaller existing facility sponsored by Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC) and will concentrate on maternal and child healthcare. This building is already fully funded, as is the fifth 30/30 Project clinic, set for groundbreaking in Madhya Pradesh, India. In the Raghogarh region where it will be located, 70 percent of the people live in poverty. Funds are now being sought to fund an additional four clinics in India.

This July, Julie Lewis made her first trip to Africa to visit the Kizimani Clinic and other prospective building sites. She was accompanied by the executive director of Construction for Change, Kelsey Birnbaum, a Panhellenic sister from the Gamma Phi Beta chapter at University of Washington.

"After taking a twenty-six-hour plane trip, we were actually on the ground for ten days," Lewis said. "We had our home base at a hotel in Nairobi. That way I didn't have to navigate water and food in a rural area, which, being HIV positive, is a problem for me. I don't have a strong defense against the natural organisms there."

Viewing potential sites required car trips several hours out of Nairobi. "We would drive at least two or three hours, meet with the community and see the work, and then drive those hours back," Lewis said. "We have six clinics fully funded, and we're trying to decide where that sixth clinic will be, which is part of what we were doing in Africa. It was a little hard on

*"When you volunteer, you reap benefits from being in a community of like-minded people achieving a goal together. It's a good feeling to be part of a larger effort, to do something bigger than you could ever do by yourself."*

*About the author: Eileen Young, Gamma/Butler, received her master's in journalism from Ohio University. She has been the editor of magazines and newspaper entertainment and lifestyle sections in Tennessee, Michigan, Illinois and North Carolina.*





Lewis in Kenya this summer. "We came around a bend, and I saw the clinic in context, and the breath was taken out of me. ...It was great to actually see something in action, meet the actual people who will be affected by a building."

my back, but it was good. We had a good time."

The best part of the trip, Lewis felt, was seeing the completed Kizimani Clinic. "The project managers send pictures, so I knew what the building looked like, but from pictures it's hard to put the building in context," Lewis said. "You don't have a bigger view of where the building is, or what's around it, or the people who are around it."

"We came around a bend, and I saw the clinic in context, and the breath was taken out of me. There had been a school, and a soccer field, but nowhere to go if you're sick ... until our clinic. We met the building crew, and community members who would be accessing healthcare there. It was great to actually see something in action, meet the actual people who will be affected by a building."

## ON VOLUNTEERING

Three years of volunteer work with Construction for Change only partially prepared Lewis for her own funding project. When looking back on the speed and success of Project 30/30 so far, Lewis admits that it has been a great deal of work for her, especially while addressing troubling health issues. She is in the process of hiring a project manager to work directly with her and ease her heavy schedule. But she is certain she wants the campaign to continue.

"Here's a fun fact," recalled Lewis. "When I first came to work for CfC, the staff was completely volunteer because it was a fairly young organization. When we created our first paid position, I was in on the hiring, and we ended up hiring Shelby Port Stoner, a Theta from the University of Washington. So I laughed and told her she was the thirty-years-younger version of me. And she is the one who got me re-involved in Theta alumnae."

"Since then, we've had a ton of Thetas in our office who have been interns. It's a great pool for us to draw from."

"A lot of work, not only in the United States, but abroad, is made possible by non-profits," Lewis said. "If you count the amount of hours volunteers give and calculate what it would actually cost to pay people for those jobs, most non-profits and even some government services couldn't function."

"We've been born into a very privileged country. I feel like with privilege comes a ton of responsibility. It's just good to give something back. But I don't see that as a burden. You get as much out of it as you're giving. Maybe even more."

Lewis, who grew up in a small town, knew little of the Greek system before heading for University of Washington. She was influenced by a Theta she worked with on a summer job, and the connection she felt with the women she met at Alpha Lambda Chapter. Since she was several years younger than her siblings, living in a house with more than 100 young women was something new for her, but it taught her a life lesson.

"I think that was where I first learned about living in a community and sacrificing what might be your personal choices for the good of the group," Lewis said.

If her project reaches its goal to fund construction of 30 health facilities, she will have made a difference for good for a group estimated at more than 600,000 people worldwide.

"When you volunteer, you reap benefits from being in a community of like-minded people achieving a goal together. It's a good feeling to be part of a larger effort, to do something bigger than you could ever do by yourself."

On the 30/30 website, Lewis emotionally summarizes her newfound purpose: "We believe that healthcare is a human right. We have the knowledge, and we have the treatments. Life-threatening diseases like HIV/AIDS can be managed. What we need is access." ♦



Sherman-Denison Texas Alumnae Chapter

## PASes NEEDED

A permanent alumnae secretary (PAS) maintains records of all initiated members of a given chapter. In this way, these officers of the Fraternity ensure that each alumna remains in touch with Theta. Each of the following chapters is in need of a PAS.

- P/Nebraska
- Ξ/Wesleyan
- AH/Vanderbilt
- AA/Washington
- AN/Montana
- BA/Arizona
- BH/Pennsylvania
- BI/Colorado
- ΓT/Rollins
- ΓY/Miami
- ΓX/Fresno
- ΔE/Arizona State
- ΔM/Rhode Island
- ZY/UT Dallas
- HI/San Diego
- HA/-
- HX/Boston University
- HΨ/Tufts
- ΘΘ/North Carolina State

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# CELEBRATING 150

150 years. It's a long time. Such a long time, in fact, that there's a special term for a 150th birthday or anniversary: **sesquicentennial**. And Kappa Alpha Theta is getting ready to mark hers in 2020.

This is definitely a cause for celebration! How many women's organizations have not only survived but thrived for nearly 150 years?

Not many! Certainly the world of today is very different than the world of 1870, and it is remarkable that **Theta has flourished** across three centuries.



The reasons behind the enduring power of Theta sisterhood are numerous, but there are four particularly noteworthy ones. Four young women who not only had a vision but also had the perseverance, courage, and faith to make that vision a reality. They are our **founders**, Bettie Locke Hamilton, Alice Allen Brant, Hannah Fitch Shaw, and Bettie Tipton Lindsey.

With love and careful thought, they created a singular opportunity to learn, serve, and grow in a supportive environment. They created a sisterhood in which we give kind and thoughtful care to one another. And they created a platform upon which we can build and expand to meet new challenges, while staying true to our ideals.



## Bettie Tipton Lindsey

Of course, Founders Day offers us the opportunity to remember our founders every year. But Theta's approaching sesquicentennial gives us a chance to go even further. So we will dedicate one year of the next four to each of our founders, and we will begin on **Founders Day 2016**.

In 2016, we will celebrate **Bettie Tipton Lindsey**. Although Bettie grew up in northeastern Kentucky, she had relatives in Greencastle, and visiting them inspired her to enroll at Indiana Asbury College. When she did travel the 267 miles between home and school, she was probably grateful to be able to take a train part of the way rather than rely solely on horse-drawn transportation!

Those who knew Bettie described her as having a **generous spirit** and a sunny disposition. Perhaps because she was the eldest child in her family, she played a motherly role for her siblings. This care for children—especially those who had been orphaned or otherwise neglected—persisted throughout her adult life. She was also deeply devoted to her church and to charitable endeavors in the communities in which she lived.



**Bettie Tipton Lindsey, A/DePauw**  
(Learn more about her at [heritage.kappaalphatheta.org](http://heritage.kappaalphatheta.org).)



## 150 Days of Celebrating Service

Theta will begin our sesquicentennial celebration on **January 27, 2016**, with a special campaign. It will encompass 150 days—because of our 150th anniversary—and it will honor Bettie Tipton Lindsey's dedication to giving and sharing, volunteerism and service.

This campaign is **150 Days of Celebrating Service**. Between January 27 and June 24, 2016, Thetas everywhere can advocate for, volunteer for, and donate to a variety of important causes, as well as recognize individual Thetas for being true philanthropists.

We hope **YOU** will join us! (December: getting ready)

- Visit the Theta heritage website ([150ThetaDays.org](http://150ThetaDays.org)). You'll find a video featuring Bettie Tipton Lindsey's grand-niece, Susanne Bush Heusner, Gamma Pi/Iowa State. You'll also find creative ideas for celebrating and promoting a culture of philanthropy and service.
- Follow #150ThetaDays on social media.

We hope you will **JOIN** us! (January: starting to celebrate)

Download the 150Days mobile application. From the app or [150ThetaDays.org](http://150ThetaDays.org), choose the ways you'll celebrate service, advocacy, and philanthropy. Make a difference for an important cause.

Then:

- Post photos on Instagram (#150ThetaDays),
- Tweet your experiences (#150ThetaDays),
- Share our posts about Thetas notable for their service efforts (Facebook.com).



*Let's begin 2016 by celebrating Bettie Tipton Lindsey. Let's follow her example by seeking ways to incorporate service in our lives, by being of service to others, and by recognizing Thetas who have been of great service. ◇*



# Theta

## YOUNG ALUMNAE

BY LIZ LIDGETT, AM/MISSOURI

TWO YEARS AGO, A GROUP OF THETAS WERE SELECTED TO SERVE ON A BOARD THAT WOULD REPRESENT MORE THAN A QUARTER OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA MEMBERS: YOUNG ALUMNAE. IN THIS EVER-CONNECTED WORLD, WE "MEET" MONTHLY THROUGH CONFERENCE CALLS TO DISCUSS YOUNG ALUMNAE ENGAGEMENT WITH THETA. ALTHOUGH MANY OF US HAVE NEVER MET IN PERSON, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MUCH IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

Our first priority was to better understand the women who have become alumnae in the last 15 years. We asked questions like, "Are you currently involved with Theta?" and "What would you like your involvement to look like as an alumna?" This information gave us the basis to move forward in understanding how to involve an alumna as soon as she graduates, as well as keep her involved. The response to the surveys was extremely high and reaffirmed that our young alumnae Thetas are incredible leading women.

Using the statistics from the surveys, we have focused on filling gaps that may have existed in connecting with young alumnae and educating them on how to stay involved. We've created email campaigns to seniors, a blog series about young alumnae, social media posts, a young alumnae page on the website, and educational pieces on the alumnae experience for undergraduate members. Our latest effort included advising on the new ThetaConnect app that allows Thetas to connect and create events based on hobbies, interests, and careers.

Moving forward, we still have room to grow. Twenty-six percent of our alumnae fit into the "young

alumnae" category, but a smaller percentage serve in volunteer roles, are Life Loyal, or are members of an alumnae chapter. So our charge to any young alumnae who may be reading this is: stay involved! Sign up to be the first to use **THETACONNECT**, join the **GLOBAL FACEBOOK** group, participate in the online book club **READING WOMEN**, be part of the Kappa Alpha Theta **LINKEDIN** group, enroll in **LIFE LOYAL**, and follow Theta on social media. You can do all this at [kappaalphatheta.org](http://kappaalphatheta.org). There, you can also update your contact information to make sure you receive information about exciting involvement opportunities in your area.

In addition, Theta has more than 200 alumnae groups across North America. Joining one is a great way to meet Thetas in your area and stay connected. To find an alumnae group near you, visit [kappaalphatheta.org](http://kappaalphatheta.org).

As young alumnae, we understand your lives are hectic and there are so many things that demand your attention. Theta alumnae involvement is not another time-consuming responsibility; as in your undergraduate days, it is a fun and rewarding sisterhood. ♦

208  
young alumnae  
joined the Soaring  
Kite Society\*  
in 2014.

\*The Soaring Kite Society is a giving society created just for Theta's young alumnae by Theta Foundation. Through gifts of \$4/month or \$48/year, young alumnae provide Thetas of all ages with opportunities to grow as leading women. Learn more at [www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org/giving-societies](http://www.kappaalphathetafoundation.org/giving-societies)



1,175

young alumnae  
are part of an  
alumnae group

1,390

young alumnae  
volunteer for  
Theta

46,844

number of  
young alumnae

30%

of Life Loyal  
members are  
young alumnae

70%

of current  
chapter advisors  
are young  
alumnae





THETAS WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE YOUNG WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED AS EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONSULTANTS (ELCS) KNOW THAT THESE RECENT GRADUATES HAVE A THOROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF FRATERNITY LAWS AND PROCEDURES. THEY KNOW ELCS HELP ESTABLISH NEW COLLEGE CHAPTERS AND SET THEM UP TO SUCCEED, PROVIDE RESOURCES TO COLLEGE CHAPTERS IN NEED, AND PRESENT INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP AND CHAPTER OFFICER TRAINING. THEY KNOW ELCS ARE INTEGRAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THETA'S COLLEGE CHAPTERS.

WHAT MOST PEOPLE PROBABLY DON'T REALIZE, HOWEVER, IS HOW THE ELC EXPERIENCE PREPARES WOMEN FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL PURSUITS, AND HOW VERY DIVERSE THOSE PURSUITS ARE. IN FACT, WITHIN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, 41 PERCENT OF ELCS OBTAINED A JOB WITHIN THREE MONTHS FOLLOWING THEIR TERM OF SERVICE, 22 PERCENT HAVE GONE ON TO GRADUATE SCHOOL, AND 37 PERCENT SERVED TWO YEARS AS ELCS.

## BUILDING THETA'S FUTURE... AND THEIR OWN

**L**eslie Fasone, Beta/Indiana, served as an ELC from 2003 to 2005. Currently, Fasone is assistant dean for women's and gender affairs and a doctoral candidate in health behavior at Indiana University. She believes her experience as an ELC allowed her to develop professionalism by understanding how to communicate effectively and present oneself appropriately in the workplace. "I am incredibly grateful for the professional development that I received from my experience, and I aim to teach the young professionals who work for me similar life skills."

**April Brown, Eta Theta/Central Florida**, served as an educational leadership consultant for the Fraternity from 2012 to 2014. In her first year, she traveled full-time, visiting more than 40 chapters; in her second year, she established the Theta Theta Chapter at North Carolina State. Continuing her passion for travel, Brown is now a Delta Airlines flight attendant. When working with different flight crews, she finds it is important to quickly communicate personal strengths and divide tasks accordingly. This was a skill Brown gained as a consultant, visiting college chapters for short periods of time and supporting them in their operations.

**Anne Humphries Arseneau, Beta Lambda/William & Mary**, was hired as an educational leadership consultant in 1989. Professionally, she has worked in the world of fraternity and sorority advising for more than 25 years and is currently the director of student leadership development at William & Mary. Looking

back, Arseneau credits Theta and the ELC experience with allowing her to hone the ability to support others in their personal growth as they cultivate leadership skills and create positive change with others.

**Jenny Randall Nichols, Psi/Wisconsin**, traveled full-time as a 2001-2002 ELC; she visited a total of 18 states over the course of nine months! She currently assists with the implementation of health education in Milwaukee public schools for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Community Health and Education. In her work as an ELC, Nichols believes she developed independence, professionalism, and travel savviness. Additionally, one of the greatest abilities she feels she cultivated is remaining composed in the face of adversity or difficult situations.

**Jennifer Polhemus** was initiated at Omicron Chapter at the University of Southern California and served as an educational leadership consultant in the late 1970s. After serving as an ELC, Polhemus pursued a career as a forensic economist; she is currently a consultant helping attorneys measure potential damages for lawsuits and insurance claims. "As a professional in consulting, I need to balance many projects simultaneously, with different deadlines and details, adapting to my clients' particular styles and needs, and not become debilitated by stress." In thinking about the expertise she developed as an ELC, Polhemus cites follow-through, self-sufficiency, and maturity as having made a lasting impact on both her personal and professional life.

*Give to Lead, Give to Learn* is an endowment campaign to secure \$5 million for two of Kappa Alpha Theta's greatest funding priorities, including the ELC Program. With less than \$500,000 remaining to reach our goal, your gift can make a difference. Visit [www.GivetoTheta.org](http://www.GivetoTheta.org) to join us in support of this vital program.

*Give to Lead.  
to Learn.*

*A Theta Investment for Today and Tomorrow*

*Apply to  
be an ELC!  
see page 28*







Aquene Kenerson, Carleigh Maloney, Ashlee Moody, Savannah Vogel, Sam Golden, Sarah McGregor, Ann Crary, Kara Higgins, Savannah Johnson, Annie Hornung.

## THE 2015-16 ELCs

### ANN CRARY, BO/IOWA

Based at HQ/St. Louis in autumn; traveling in spring; second-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** St. Paul, Minnesota

**MAJOR** communication studies & business administration

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** recruitment director

**AWARDS/HONORS** Excellence in Recruitment Intake & Retention (Iowa 2012), Rho Lambda Honors Society vice president; Greek Week executive director

**POST-ELC PLANS** I would like to work in advertising or PR.

**WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?** Leading Women serves as a reminder to strive to always be hard working, passionate, and honest in everything you do.

### SAM GOLDEN, BN/FLORIDA STATE

Traveling; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Odessa, Florida

**MAJOR** family & child sciences; **MINORS** psychology, communications

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief operating officer,

bylaws committee, nominating committee

**AWARDS/HONORS** FSU's Jon C. Dalton Outstanding Servant Leader, Phi Eta Sigma, Garnet & Gold Key Honorary, Seminole Torchbearer

**POST-ELC PLANS** To work for a non-profit company/organization (dream job: Make A Wish Foundation).

**WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?** Leading Women means Thetas. Theta women are driven, loyal, hardworking, ethical and professional. Leading women are some of the best in their fields and live lives of excellence by pursuing what is right and taking the initiative to explore new ideas or revolutionize programs and processes.

### KARA HIGGINS, GM/MARYLAND

Traveling; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Laurel, Maryland

**MAJOR** mathematics

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief education officer, nominating committee

**AWARDS/HONORS** Outstanding Chapter President of the Year, Banneker/Key Scholar, Panhellenic Association New Member

Achievement Award, Gemstone Award for Outstanding Section Leader (Student Teacher) of the Year

**POST-ELC PLANS** Master of science in biostatistics at Harvard, then hopefully working on clinical trials and eventually holding a position at a university where I get to do a combination of biostatic consulting and teaching/mentoring.

**WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?** Being confident, taking initiative, and caring about others.

### ANNIE HORNUMG, HΣ/CHAPMAN

Based at ΘΛ/Rochester; second-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Woodinville, Washington

**MAJOR** communication studies

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief education officer, ritualist, alumnae engagement director

**AWARDS/HONORS** Chancellor's scholarship recipient, Lambda Pi Eta, Sigma Alpha Pi, Order of Omega, Eta Sigma's Golden Kite award

**POST-ELC PLANS** Although I am not exactly sure what my post-ELC life has in store, my role as an ELC has caused me to seriously consider a career in higher education or student affairs.



# Theta ELCs • Theta ELCs • Theta

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

Leading Women represents the universal aim of our members to be the best versions of themselves. Kappa Alpha Theta develops leaders each and every day, while at the same time providing us with the necessary skills to be successful in our personal and professional lives.

## SAVANNAH JOHNSON, AO/OKLAHOMA

Traveling; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Colleyville, Texas

**MAJOR** public relations **MINORS** business & communications

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief administrative officer

**AWARDS/HONORS** National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Alpha Lambda Delta, Presidents Honor Roll, Gaylord College Scholarship, Public Relations Student Society of America

**POST-ELC PLANS** A career in public relations or event planning for a company I am passionate about.

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

Leading Women means we hold ourselves to a high standard of achievement and strive to make a positive impact in all aspects of our lives.

## AQUENE KENERSON, EΨ/RICHMOND

Based at OI/Georgetown; second-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Sugar Hill, New Hampshire

**MAJOR** political science, international relations

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, executive assistant

**AWARDS/HONORS** Omicron Delta Kappa, *magna cum laude*, Dean's List, Pi Sigma Alpha, Phi Eta Sigma, Center for Civic Engagement

**POST-ELC PLANS** Living and working abroad (Switzerland) working in PR.

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

Aspiring to be a leading woman means living your life as an example to others and believing in your values.

## CARLEIGH MALONEY, BI/COLORADO

Traveling; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Santa Barbara, California

**MAJOR** business administration with emphasis in marketing; journalism with emphasis in advertising; certificate in socially responsible enterprise

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer,

new member director, nominating committee

**AWARDS/HONORS** Boulder Area Alumnae Panhellenic Outstanding Senior 2014, CU Boulder Panhellenic Outstanding Senior Award 2014,

**POST-ELC PLANS** A career in marketing or advertising.

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

Leading women are those who are dedicated to making a positive difference to those around them.

## SARAH MCGREGOR, BE/OREGON STATE

Based at BΓ/Colorado State; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Gresham, Oregon

**MAJOR** public health **MINORS** Spanish; environmental safety and health

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief education officer, Panhellenic president

**AWARDS/HONORS** Dean's List, Honor Roll, Order of Omega, Mortar Board

**POST-ELC PLANS** a master's degree in public health.

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

Leading Women means being a role model to your peers and setting the highest standard for yourself.

## ASHLEE MOODY, ZH/WOFFORD

Based at ΘK/Louisville; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** LaGrange, Georgia

**MAJOR** Spanish and English

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief administrative officer, executive assistant, IT director, nominating committee

**AWARDS/HONORS** Sigma Tau Delta vice president, Wofford College Publications Board, US House of Representatives intern,

**POST-ELC PLANS** A career in marketing.

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

A leading woman is influential no matter where she is or what role she holds.

## SAVANNAH VOGEL, AΨ/LAWRENCE

Based at ΘA/Rochester; first-year ELC

**HOMETOWN** Deerfield, Wisconsin

**MAJOR** biochemistry **MINOR** Spanish

**THETA INVOLVEMENT** chief executive officer, chief recruitment officer, Panhellenic risk management director

**AWARDS/HONORS** Dean's List, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board Honor Society

**POST-ELC PLANS** attend medical school then pursue a career in primary care.

## WHAT DOES "LEADING WOMEN" MEAN TO YOU?

A leading woman not only works to set an example for others, but works earnestly to further her cause by serving as a role model and motivator to those around her. ♦

**APPLY TO BE AN ELC**

Applications for 2016-17 are due December 1, 2015

Can you see yourself traveling North America, living in a new city, leading educational workshops, opening new chapters and serving as a Fraternity representative? Then you should consider applying to be an ELC!

ELCs come from all academic fields. Whether you major in pre-med, pre-law, marketing, education, or business, the ELC program will provide you with skills for your next step.

For more details on the application process, visit [bit.ly/ThetaELCs](http://bit.ly/ThetaELCs). Questions about the ELC program may be directed to Christa Samaha, assistant director of chapter services, [csamaha@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:csamaha@kappaalphatheta.org).



"I CHOSE ALABAMA TO IMMERSE MYSELF IN A NEW CULTURE, AND THETA APPEALED TO ME. IT WAS THE MOST DIVERSE GROUP OF WOMEN ON CAMPUS, AND I GOT THE SENSE I WOULDN'T BE PIGEONHOLED AND COULD CHOOSE A PLACE FOR MYSELF. THETA GAVE ME A HOME WHERE I HAD NONE. IT GAVE ME A FAMILY. IT GAVE ME A SUPPORT SYSTEM WHEN I HADN'T FIGURED OUT HOW TO ASK FOR SUPPORT." **ELLEN URBANI, ΔO/ALABAMA** HAD NEVER EVEN HEARD OF SORORITIES. THE ACCLAIMED AUTHOR OF *WHEN I WAS ELENA* AND *LANDFALL* ENTERED THE DELTA OMICRON CHAPTER AT ALABAMA AS THE FIRST MEMBER OF HER FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE. HER EXPERIENCE IS THAT OF A ...

# LEADING WOMAN

**ELLEN URBANI, ΔO/ALABAMA**  
**BY LAUREN MCCARTY PALMER, THETA STAFF**

**U**pon graduation in 1991, Urbani joined the Peace Corps and moved to rural Guatemala during the final years of the country's civil war. The crushing vice of poverty gripped the nation, and Urbani found herself attuned to the suffering of its women, whose lives revolved around never-ending manual labor, constant childbearing, and, frequently, sexual violence. She captured her experience through the voices of seven heroines in her memoir, *When I Was Elena*, a transformative coming-of-age story drawing on the wisdom and resilience of these women.

After the Peace Corps, Urbani began graduate school in Oregon. She wanted to reconnect with Theta, so she also volunteered as an advisor for the Beta Epsilon Chapter at Oregon State. "That was my first reconnection with Theta," she said. "And the Thetas were there for me when I published *When I Was Elena*."

Following a career in mental health support as a cancer counselor, Urbani wrote a novel called *Landfall*. Setting out on a multi-city book tour and faced with the task of drumming up audiences, Urbani's first instinct was to reach out to Theta alumnae chapters. "I essentially asked them, 'Will you show up for me?'" It's a very vulnerable question," she said. "And Thetas took good care of me. At every book signing, they've shown up in droves."

Urbani lives on a working farm in Oregon with her husband and two children. Juggling the competing

demands of marriage, motherhood, and her career isn't always a smooth process for Urbani, and perhaps it doesn't need to be, she said. "I've had a wonderful and exciting life. And I think we have the false impression that successful women have the secret for how to make it happen gracefully," she said. "There's no secret. I don't always get my boundaries perfect. There are many things I don't do well. It's about finding what works for you. I always tell people I wrote *Landfall* on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 11 am while my children were at school."

Urbani said her achievements are rooted in the Theta experience, which taught her how to develop professional and social connections in a controlled setting. "I believe the sorority system as a whole is an honorable way for young women to establish a lifelong template. Careers, motherhood—they start with the sorority model. Reach out to strangers; let them in. Accept help, and give it back. Say thank you."

Set in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, *Landfall* tells the story of the intersecting lives of two young women, one living and one dead. The book is partially set in the Delta Omicron chapter facility at University of Alabama. "I think the book would really appeal to Thetas," said Urbani. "It's about making connections with strangers that change your life forever. It's about strangers becoming family. And that's what Theta is all about." ♦



Ellen Urbani, ΔO/Alabama



## Carly Zakin A THETA OF NOTE



CARLY ZAKIN, BETA ETA/PENNSYLVANIA, IS CO-CREATOR OF THESKIMM, A DAILY E-NEWSLETTER THAT DELIVERS THE DAY'S NEWS IN A CONVERSATIONAL TONE, AS IF A FRIEND WERE TELLING YOU WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO START YOUR DAY. ZAKIN AND HER BUSINESS PARTNER, BOTH FORMER NBC NEWS PRODUCERS, WERE RECENTLY NAMED TO THE LEVO 100, A LIST "CELEBRATING 100 MILLENNIALS WHO ARE REDEFINING THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT."

**ACCORDING TO AN ARTICLE ON ADAGE.COM, THESKIMM HAS 1.6 MILLION SUBSCRIBERS. DID YOU EVER IMAGINE YOU'D IMPACT SO MANY PEOPLE?**

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**HOW DO YOU CHOOSE WHAT NEWS TO SHARE ON THESKIMM?**

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**IF YOU WEREN'T IN THE NEWS BUSINESS, WHAT PROFESSION WOULD YOU LIKE TO PURSUE?**

Private detective.

**WHAT PROFESSION WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO PURSUE?**

Dermatologist or podiatrist.

**IF YOU COULD INVITE FIVE PEOPLE—LIVING OR DEAD—TO DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE?**

This is a tough one! Steve Jobs, Thomas Jefferson, Alfred Hitchcock, Oprah, Larry David. I'd like to add a sixth and seventh person: I'd like Ina Garten to make dinner and Mark Paul Gosselar to be my date.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE WORD? YOUR LEAST FAVORITE WORD?**

I love the words *chandelier* and *brioche*. I hate the word *moist*.

**WHAT TALENT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?**

I wish I could do a cartwheel. I also wish I could sing.

**LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS THAT ...**

I am an excellent chocolate soufflé maker.

**WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?**

Trust, loyalty, humor.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THETA MEMORY?**

Meeting all of my best friends at age 18. ♦



Carly Zakin, BH/Pennsylvania

"Our filter is always: would our friends talk about this and would they need to talk about this?"



## HOW TO—

PHOTOS COURTESY OF KELLY SENYEI OF JUST A TASTE.



## — LOVE YOUR HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS

**KELLY SENYEI, T/NORTHWESTERN**, FOUNDER OF JUST A TASTE (JUSTATASTE.COM), IS A PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED CHEF AND AUTHOR OF *FOOD BLOGGING FOR DUMMIES* (WILEY, 2012). SHE HAS BEEN FEATURED IN MAGAZINES SUCH AS *BON APPÉTIT*, *PEOPLE*, *BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS*, AND *O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE*, AS WELL AS ON CAMERA AS HOST, CORRESPONDENT, AND EXPERT IN FOOD AND ENTERTAINING.

BY LISA GEBKEN THIBAUT, EI/WESTMINSTER, FRATERNITY STAFF

It's almost the holiday season—the prime time for leftovers. Whether that makes you cringe or grin, you can go beyond turkey sandwiches with a few easy ideas for transforming your favorite holiday extras into second-day showstoppers.

**LEFTOVER TURKEY** The main attraction at your holiday feast can easily take the place of its poultry counterpart in chicken pot pie, Chinese chicken salad, chicken enchiladas, chicken salad and more. Simply shred leftover turkey and substitute it for chicken in any of your go-to poultry recipes.

**LEFTOVER MASHED POTATOES** Make the most of spare spuds by revamping them into cheesy mashed potato muffins. Mix 3 cups of leftover mashed potatoes with 1 large egg, 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese, and 3 teaspoons of chopped fresh chives, then scoop the mixture into a greased muffin tin and bake at 375°F for 30 to 35 minutes until the tops of the muffins are golden brown.

**LEFTOVER CRANBERRY SAUCE** Extra cranberry sauce may be a rarity after many holiday feasts, but in the event you have extra, revamp it into a fruit crisp with just a few additional ingredients. Mix cranberry sauce with sliced apples, then pour the mixture into a buttered baking dish. Top the fruit with a quick oat topping (3/4 cup oats mixed with 4 tablespoons cold butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1/3 cup flour and 1/2

teaspoon ground cinnamon), then pop it into a 350°F oven and bake for about 35 minutes. Crown it with ice cream or whipped cream, and this classic side dish just became dessert.

**LEFTOVER STUFFING** The star side dish gets a welcome makeover in the form of stuffing waffles! Simply mix together 4 cups crumbled stuffing with 2 large eggs and enough chicken broth to moisten the mixture. All that's left is scooping the mixture into your preheated, greased waffle maker and let the machine work its magic. Top off your waffles with leftover gravy or leftover cranberry sauce for the ultimate post-holiday brunch.

**LEFTOVER PIE DOUGH** Spare pie scraps are no longer destined for the trash. Make the most of every last piece of pie dough by arranging scraps on a lined baking sheet, brushing them with an egg wash (1 large egg mixed with 1 tablespoon water) and sprinkling them with sanding sugar (also known as decorating sugar). Bake the scraps at 425°F for about 10 minutes until they're golden brown. All that's left to do is grab the whipped cream and start dipping with your DIY pie-crust cookies.

For full recipes, plus hundreds of additional quick and easy meal ideas and cooking videos, check out Just a Taste online: [www.justataste.com](http://www.justataste.com). ♦



Kelly Senyei, T/Northwestern

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Do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?

If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, website specialist, [lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org](mailto:lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org). We'd love to hear from you!



*"Theta has provided me with many of the skills and talents I possess today."*

— Cathie Waters Cardelucci



# Life Loyal

## BECOME A LIFE LOYAL THETA!

*These women enrolled between May 1 and July 31, 2015*

### A/DEPAUW

Robin Richey Roberts  
Caroline Stevenson Rush  
Amy Parkinson Underwood

### Γ/BUTLER

Deborah Gray Slinger

### Δ/ILLINOIS

Lauren Lewis  
Kimalee Greene Ovaert

### K/KANSAS

Rosalea Postma Carttar  
Susan Weir-Ancker

### Λ/VERMONT

Shannon Smith Nolan

### N/HANOVER

Ellen E. Mantz

### O/USC

Ella McCormick Brittingham

### Π/ALBION

Jennifer Panackia Courtright  
Sarah L. Craig

### Υ/MINNESOTA

Rebecca Steinke  
Katherine J. White

### Φ/PACIFIC

Corie Worden Hill  
Keaton Ann Ray  
Beth Ann Wainwright-Burris  
Bonnie Burch Ward

### X/SYRACUSE

Ginnie Allen Russo

### Ψ/WISCONSIN

Lillian R. Nelson

### Ω/UC BERKELEY

Leslie Paige Taylor

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# A FAIRY GODMOTHER

BY LAUREN MCCARTY PALMER, THETA STAFF

Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA, could be considered a fairy godmother of Kappa Alpha Theta's Life Loyal program. In addition to her many Theta roles, including Theta Foundation trustee, college chapter advisor, facility corporation board member, alumnae chapter officer, and permanent alumnae secretary, Cardelucci has bestowed 18 Life Loyal memberships to enthusiastic, promising young Thetas with whom she has worked.

### A FRIEND AND MENTOR

Educational Leadership Consultant **Annie Hornung**, HΣ/Chapman, received a Life Loyal membership from Cardelucci just before Grand Convention 2012. Cardelucci had worked with Hornung as a ritual advisor at Eta Sigma and recognized her potential. Hornung said, "It seems fitting that the summer I received my Life Loyal gift was the same summer I realized I was committed to giving back to Theta after college. I did not fully grasp the significance of Cathie's gift until later, but her generosity meant so much to me. I feel so fortunate to have found a friend and mentor in Cathie, and I am grateful every day for the investment she made in my lifelong Kappa Alpha Theta membership."

### GIVING BACK & PAYING IT FORWARD

Cardelucci said it's easy giving back to an organization that has given her so much. "Theta has provided me with many of the skills and talents I possess today, and it is my greatest honor to share it all with those who will come after me," she said.

### THETA'S LIFELONG BONDS

Hornung said Cardelucci's gift further deepened her understanding of Theta's lifelong bonds. "My Theta story has extended far beyond my time in college, and I believe all Thetas would benefit from continued involvement as alumnae," she said. "Whether this means serving the Fraternity as an ELC or mentoring a collegian throughout her experience as Cathie has done for me, the more we continue to invest in Kappa Alpha Theta beyond our four years of undergraduate membership, the more we will continue to grow—as people, as women, and as Thetas."

Annie Hornung, HΣ/Chapman, and Cathie Waters Cardelucci, BE/UCLA.



**ΑΘ/TEXAS**

Leslie Breedlove Daly  
Kelly O'Neil Talbert

**ΑΛ/WASHINGTON**

Elizabeth Miller

**ΑΜ/MISSOURI**

Shari Keisker Johnson  
Christina Marie Rapken

**ΑΞ/OREGON**

Marna Gehrke Grigorieff

**ΑΟ/OKLAHOMA**

Laura Ellis McCoy  
Claire E. Parker  
Mary Dean Sudderth Perry

**ΑΠ/NORTH DAKOTA**

Jennifer Norberg

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Amber Anderson Edelen

**ΑΣ/WASHINGTON STATE**

Jami Harrison Slaton

**ΑΤ/CINCINNATI**

Haley E. Mason  
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**ΑΦ/TULANE**

Janice C. Niver

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Carol L. Berg  
Amy Lynn Ferree

**ΒΕ/OREGON STATE**

Stephanie Thacker Doyle

**ΒΖ/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Christine Collins Clymer

**ΒΘ/IDAHO**

Caitlin Keys Scardina

**ΒΙ/COLORADO**

Betty Burdick Riley

**ΒΜ/NEVADA**

Carolann M. Cavallo  
Amy E. Erger  
Danielle N. Schefcik

**ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE**

Laura Griffin Brewer  
Peg Cody Henderson

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Susan Sampson Stahle

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Rebecca Key Lutz  
Diane Knuths Nealon

**ΒΤ/DENISON**

Katherine Marshall Joslin

**ΒΥ/BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Kathleen Stockton Salbuviq

**ΒΩ/COLORADO COLLEGE**

Sharon Ives Kirchheimer

**ΓΔ/GEORGIA**

Leslie Beard Dyke

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Grace Lauren Zupfer

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Rabia Malik

**ΔΘ/FLORIDA**

Karen Stottlemeyer Eastmoore

**ΔΚ/LSU**

Ashlye Daniel  
Karen L. Eddlemon

**ΔΝ/ARKANSAS**

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Harriett Hudson Phillips  
Marilyn Rogers Smith  
Elizabeth McCullough Stratman

**ΔΣ/BALL STATE**

Lori McDaniel Hayden

**ΔΦ/CLEMSON**

Weslie Clark

**ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M**

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Teal Marie Gaydos

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**ΗΙ/SAN DIEGO**

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A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.

**A/DEPAUW**

Jane Evans Berghoff; 1943, February 2015  
Eloise Eskew Coffey; 1957, June 2015  
Barbara Burton Hoover; 1946, July 2015  
Martha Clark Rice; 1949, April 2015  
Joanne Arvidson Sheperd; 1949, July 2015

**B/INDIANA**

Ann Kaegi Button; 1953, May 2015  
Patricia Gates McNaghy; 1945, July 2015

**Δ/ILLINOIS**

Margaret Cleary Strong; 1959, May 2015

**H/MICHIGAN**

Susan Harrison Sheehan; 1967, April 2015  
Mary Jones Wieboldt; 1942, May 2015

**I/CORNELL**

Virginia Tyler Renouard; 1953, March 2015  
Helen Brew Rich; 1935, May 2015  
Elizabeth Williams Stavely; 1932, December 2014

**K/KANSAS**

Betty Deal Lyon; 1940, May 2015  
Jeannot Barnes Seymour; 1952, August 2015

**ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN**

Louise Ficken Bennett; 1948, June 2015  
Patricia Stewart Curtis; 1939, February 2015  
Nancy Smith Lindsay; 1952, June 2015

**M/ALLEGHENY**

Roberta Langford Lang; 1958, March 2015

**O/USC**

Nancy Harwell Ackard; 1946, June 2015  
Frances Downey Page; 1946, February 2015

**P/NEBRASKA**

Frances J. Cronin; 1960, March 2015  
Eleanor Elliott Ganz; 1940, June 2015

**T/NORTHWESTERN**

Irine Petroff Davidson; 1944, May 2015  
Florence Smith Dietrich; 1940, August 2015

**Y/MINNESOTA**

Patricia McKeon Maxeiner; 1942, May 2014  
Mary Sweeney Plunkett; 1942, June 2015

**X/SYRACUSE**

Carro Cummings Braunlich; 1933, November 2014  
Barbara Fisher Gill; 1944, August 2015  
Betty Cooper Hays; 1940, April 2015  
Barbara Crandall Lipe; 1945, July 2014  
JoAnne Thornton Tolson; 1950, April 2014

**Ψ/WISCONSIN**

Mary Bryan Phillips; 1950, April 2014  
Cynthia Kuecker Strand; 1962, April 2015

**Ω/UC BERKELEY**

Roberta Fulbright Foote; 1958, May 2015  
Barbara Tait Jack; 1945, March 2015

**AT/OHIO STATE**

Sue Hammel Powers; 1959, January 2015  
Elizabeth McKeever Ross; 1939, August 2015  
Suzanne Holaday Weimer; 1956, April 2015

**ΔH/VANDERBILT**

Lise Putnam Liddell; 1954, May 2015

**ΔΘ/TEXAS**

Grace Gordon Arnold; 1945, June 2015  
Ann Tynan Carpenter; 1947, May 2015  
Juana Owens Forrester; 1954, April 2015  
Martha Eileen Kelly Hillier; 1939, March 2015  
Elizabeth Baldwin Holland; 1944, June 2014  
Anne Berry Patton; 1943, May 2015

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Margery Skinner Nax; 1935, July 2015  
JoAnne Dille Reed; 1948, May 2015  
Catherine Stout Vanderpearl; 1949, November 2014

**ΔΔ/WASHINGTON**

Betty Des Camp Beard; 1938, April 2015

**ΔM/MISSOURI**

Maryann Turner Minx; 1944, April 2015  
Elizabeth van den Berg Western; 1955, July 2015

**ΔN/MONTANA**

Terry Carpenter Anderson; 1957, May 2014  
Leah Ferris Burris; 1944, May 2015  
Jean Strom Hagle; 1945, May 2015

**ΔΞ/OREGON**

Margaret Dougherty Kroder; 1947, April 2015  
Sally Haseltine Mann; 1951, December 2014

**ΔO/OKLAHOMA**

Frances Sledd Barnhart; 1943, April 2015  
Mary Margaret Smith Ledbetter; 1938, July 2015  
Deborah Harden Magness; 1974, July 2015

**ΔΣ/WASHINGTON STATE**

Marilyn Hadley Conrad; 1945, January 2014  
Virginia Bryan Garland; 1946, April 2015

**ΔT/CINCINNATI**

Elda Flamm Drach; 1958, January 2015  
Susan Grieme Fitzgerald; 1957, April 2015

**ΔΥ/WASHBURN**

Marla Leuenberger Bealforde; 1957, May 2015  
Martha Maynard Brown; 1948, July 2015  
Jean Kanode Lindemuth; 1947, June 2015  
Jane Bright Sellen; 1946, June 2015

**ΔX/PURDUE**

Lee Pfeiffer Brown; 1944, December 2014  
Marie Terry Cuenot Davis; 1944, June 2015

**ΔΥ/LAWRENCE**

Mona Johnston Vande Berg; 1947, January 2015

**BB/RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE**

Maryalice Malcomson Butler; 1941, May 2015  
Dorothy Watts Wellington; 1944, July 2015

**BI/COLORADO STATE**

Aurelia Anderson Colette; 1957, April 2015  
Nadine Hartshorn Henry; 1939, May 2015

**BA/ARIZONA**

Mary-Margaret Waugh Raymond; 1939, May 2015

**BE/OREGON STATE**

Nancy Nelson Mowlds; 1951, March 2015

**BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE**

Mary Dee Morrison; 1962, June 2015  
Nadine Tomlinson Perkins; 1937, March 2015

**BH/PENNSYLVANIA**

Mary Anne Lutz Mackin; 1953, April 2015

**BΘ/IDAHO**

Annabelle Moore Parvin; 1945, June 2015

**BI/COLORADO**

Priscilla Rodman Wandel; 1941, May 2015

**BK/DRAKE**

Donna Lee Duncan Allyn; 1955, May 2015  
Dorothea Mellon Gibson; 1940, July 2015  
Mary Ruiz Keithley; 1952, June 2014  
Kathleen Granter Latta Rubner; 1949, April 2015

**BA/WILLIAM & MARY**

Katharine Hickam Prout MacKinnon; 1956, September 2014

**BN/FLORIDA STATE**

Desse Pinckard Anthony; 1956, July 2015  
Barbara A. Davis; 1962, April 2015  
Jane Taprell Wynn; 1949, May 2015

**BIT/MICHIGAN STATE**

Molly Morris Schaefer; 1963, June 2015

**BP/DUKE**

Kathryn Sherrill Harris; 1932, December 2014

**BΣ/SMU**

Mary Grant Coyle; 1950, June 2014  
Mary Eberhart Dill; 1953, April 2015  
Mary Jane Baldwin Sanders; 1944, June 2015  
Barbara Boyd Wedgwood; 1947, July 2015

**BT/DENISON**

Peggy Zimmerman Hallock; 1945, April 2015  
Jean Pumphrey; 1950, August 2014  
Doris George Williams; 1953, October 2014

**BΦ/PENN STATE**

Henrietta Alderfer Helffrich; 1952, June 2015

**BΨ/MCGILL**

Margaret Thomson Cathcart; 1937, May 2015  
Barbara Watson Ross; 1947, November 2014

**ΓΔ/GEORGIA**

Jeanne Hendershott Shepard; 1943, March 2015

**ΓΕ/WESTERN ONTARIO**

Mary H. Burdon; 1953, April 2015  
Calla Janes; 1950, October 2014

**ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT**

Mary Hartnett DelloStritto; 1961, December 2014

**ΓM/MARYLAND**

Karen Tamzarian Adrouny; 1967, June 2015

**ΓN/NORTH DAKOTA STATE**

Judy Souers Grim; 1951, April 2015

**ΓΞ/SAN JOSE STATE**

Nancy Hardy Drew; 1949, June 2015

**ΓO/NEW MEXICO**

Marilyn Miller Hanson; 1949, January 2015

**ΓT/TULSA**

Anne Johnson Lesesne; 1962, April 2015  
Alice Toler Veley; 1957, May 2014

**ΓΥ/MIAMI**

Beverly Green Cotton; 1953, July 2015  
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**ΓΨ/TCU**

Melissa Arbogast Engleman; 1986, May 2015

**ΓΩ/AUBURN**

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**ΔE/ARIZONA STATE**

Kathryn Mangano Harris; 1960, May 2015

**ΔΘ/FLORIDA**

Kathleen O'Donnell Ewing; 1962, May 2015

**ΔΥ/EASTERN KENTUCKY**

Gina R. Emery; 1981, June 2015

**EE/BAYLOR**

Saralee Smith Sheehan; 1986, June 2015

**EI/WESTMINSTER COLLEGE**

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IT'S ABOUT  
STRANGERS  
BECOMING FAMILY.  
AND THAT'S  
WHAT THETA IS  
ALL ABOUT.

ELLEN URBANI, ΔO/ALABAMA (SEE PAGE 29)

We have dedicated each of  
the next four years to one of our  
founders. In 2016, we honor  
Elizabeth Tipton Lindsey.

LAURA WARE DOERRE, ΔE/NORTH CAROLINA (SEE PAGE 5)

It's a good feeling to be part of a larger effort,  
to do something bigger than you could ever do  
by yourself.

JULIE STIMPSON LEWIS, AA/WASHINGTON (SEE PAGE 21)

SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS ARE STILL MY BEST FRIENDS FROM  
HAVING BEEN IN THETA.

SHERYL CROW, AM/MISSOURI, COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN, OCT. 8, 2015

After a year of anxiously  
waiting for the renovation to  
be completed, our members  
were blown away by the  
finished product. The décor  
is absolutely stunning.

KATIE CLEARY, BT/COLORADO STATE (SEE PAGE 7)

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privilege to work in  
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Theta women.

CARRYL WISCHMEYER KROHNE, N/HANOVER (SEE PAGE 13)